

HOUSE BILL 2600
By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 21, relative to requiring seat belts
in school buses and other motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The state board of education may promulgate rules and regulations to allow each school system, subject to adequate funding, to require seat belts or other restraint systems on buses operated or leased by such school system for use by the driver and all passengers. Such rules and regulations shall specify that each school system consider the following criteria during any proposed rule-making:

- (a) Whether a school system shall install seat belts or other restraint systems on buses operated or leased prior to January 1, 2007, and require their use;
- (b) When such installation shall be provided;
- (c) Whether the use of seat belts or other restraint systems shall be required on all school buses within a school system, and appropriate disciplinary actions for failure to use such seat belts or other restraint systems;
- (d) The effect of the installation of seat belts or other restraint systems on the total number of students that can be transported on such buses; or
- (e) Any other criteria involving student safety or funding needs of a school system.

SECTION 2. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.